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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
10-2800 MAIL ROOM

In re Application of:

KEISUKE ARAKI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/127,031

Filed: July 31, 1998

For: OPTICAL ELEMENT AND OPTICAL  
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Examiner: T. Nguyen  
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January 26, 2004  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated September 24, 2003, for one (1) month from December 24, 2003, to Monday, January 26, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

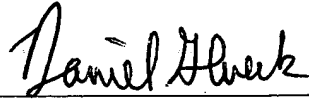
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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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